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Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) is recognized by medical clinicians as a complex regional pain disorder often characterized by severe limb pain following trauma or injury to the limb, possibly related to the abnormal recovery of nerves in the limb.

Mental health and suicide prevention specialists have long known that chronic pain in general has been associated with depression and increased risk of suicide. In considering the issue, our Department of Mental Health Services noted that "a heightened awareness of chronic pain and its impact on the mental health of the community could be of value in ensuring that more people receive beneficial physical and psychological interventions."

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaim May 2005 as "RSD Awareness Month" in Los Angeles County, and urge all interested residents to take this occasion to inform themselves about RSD and other chronic pain disorders and to seek appropriate professional treatment where necessary.

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